

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee
For Meeting of October 21, 2002

Attendees: Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa
Dave Pinsky, City of Santa Rosa
Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency
Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency
Lynne Hulme, Sonoma County Water Agency
Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor
Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
Ron Theisen, Marin Municipal Water District
Pam Nicolai, Marin Municipal Water District
Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District
Bill Stephens, City of Rohnert Park
Jake MacKenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Vicki Vidak-Martinez, City of Rohnert Park
Syed Rizvi, North Marin Water District
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District

Public Attendees: Bob Anderson, United Winegrowers
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water Co.

A. Call to Order

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

B. Introductions

The attendees made introductions.

C. Approval of September 9, 2002 Minutes

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, made a motion to approve the minutes and Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District, seconded.

D. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

E. Status of SCWA Water Supply EIR

Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency, said the EIR litigation was in the State Court of appeals. He expected the case to be considered in summer 2003.

F. SCWA Water Policy Update

Mr. Ferris said that he sent a letter with the City of Santa Rosa's comments to the committee and he had received comments from MMWD. Mr. Poole said there was a workshop December 16 for interested parties.

Mr. Harry asked that if the Board adopts the Water Policy, how would it influence WAC negotiations. Mr. Poole said the Board will emphasize their opinions. Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, asked if the List of 56 was part of the policy statement, and Mr. Poole said it was attached. Ms. Torliatt asked how the Water Policy was coordinated with the Sonoma County water resource plan. Mr. Pool said the general plan was different from the water resource plan. Ms. Torliatt asked if the Agency was working with the Water Resources Element Subcommittee of the Citizens' Advisory Committee. Pam Jean, Sonoma County Water Agency, said Agency staff is attending and participating in subcommittee meetings.

Vicki Vidak-Martinez, City of Rohnert Park, said she was concerned with the timing of Section 7 Biological Opinion scheduled much later than the SCWA Water Policy. Ms. Torliatt wanted to know how much money has been spent on Section 7 work.

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC, said she would like to see more concern for the conservation of groundwater in the County's general plan.

There was some discussion of the Citizen's Advisory Committee and their impact on the General Plan.

There was some discussion of the Biological Assessment and possible hold ups. Mr. Poole said that he anticipates a draft BA by January 2003 and the final by July 2003.

G. L/R/T2 Subcommittee Update

Mr. DeGabriele passed out the letter detailing the City of Petaluma's request for funds. He said a meeting would be scheduled within the next two weeks for the subcommittee to review the proposal.

H. Other Business

Mr. Poole passed out two packets detailing the Agency's Proposed Language for New Water Conservation Provisions, which was edited from Amendment 11.

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, asked how the visit to Washington D.C. went. Mr. Poole said he and Mr. Ferris met with representatives of National Marine Fisheries, met with local congressmen and met with Senator Feinstein's representatives who said it would be hard for California to get funding. Mr. Ferris added that they met with members of the Council on Environmental Quality and gave them a list of contact names for groups in Northern California who are knowledgeable about environmental projects.

Ms. Torliatt asked about the status of the river flows, as it had not rained yet. Mr. Poole said Lake Mendocino is low and the agency is trying to maintain storage there. They are anticipating that the reservoir will be full after it rains and an agricultural re-use project is in the works in Alexander Valley.

I. Items for the Next Agenda

Mr. Mackenzie suggested a Discussion of Prop 50. Mr. DeGabriele proposed an update of NMWD's Ammo Hill Tank Project and the Stafford Treatment Plant Project.

J. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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